

No. 7- East Contra Costa County Integrated Regional Water Management Region

Region Acceptance Process Summary

General Description of Region

The East Contra Costa County (ECCC) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Region, a geographically small region, is located in the eastern portion of Contra Costa County, within the San Joaquin River Funding Area, which corresponds to the San Joaquin River Hydrologic Unit. This Region is defined primarily by three hydrologic boundaries, except the southern boundary, which is defined by the Contra Costa County line. The ECCC IRWM Region is bounded to the west by the ridgeline of the Mount Diablo hydrologic divide, to the north by the San Joaquin River, and to the east by Old River; the latter two boundaries conform to the county line separating Contra Costa County from Sacramento County.

The ECCC IRWM Region's northwest region boundary follows the watershed boundary formed by Mount Diablo (and divides two Funding Areas and, similarly, two Hydrologic Regions), and also corresponds with the county's Habitat Conservation Plan. The result is an overlap with the San Francisco Bay Area (SFBA) IRWM Region. The East County Water Management Association (ECWMA) has indicated there is ongoing coordination and cooperation with the SFBA IRWM Region to resolve this boundary overlap.

The Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) for the ECCC Region is the ECWMA, a consortium of 11 member agencies with a broad range of water management-related responsibilities within this Region including cities, the county, water districts, sanitation districts and a community services district.

Interview Conclusions- Approved

No changes to the ECCC IRWM Region are suggested by DWR.

Continued coordination and cooperation between this Region and the SFBA IRWM Region will be necessary to ensure effective regional planning. DWR requests that the ECCC IRWM Region consider future outreach to area to the south (within the Brushy Creek Watershed) and east (Tracy groundwater sub-basin).